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Docket#: 96P0215

Dear Commissioner Kessler:

My name is Jeanie Evette Frazier, 32 year old Black female from Augusta Georgia wish to file a petition against the Wyeth-Ayerst makers of the Norplant Birth Control Contraceptive.

In April 1992, I had the Norplant insertion performed at the Richland Memorial Hospital, Columbia South Carolina. At this time my weight was approximate 134 pounds. Following the first six months of my contraceptive I have gain 60 pounds and experience severe heavy menstrual bleeding. I contacted my OB/GYN and she said that it should probably pass, well it lasted for more than six weeks, so I had to be put on a hormone pill (provera) to control the bleeding. Shortly, thereafter, I have gain on average a total of 80 pounds within the 1st year of having the Norplant. I have experience severe headache, dizziness, nausea, nervous feeling, muscle aches, pain in chest and joint pain. I believed that these were are some side affects I could have been reacting to from the norplant. I had the Norplant for 5 years with no menstruation for 3 years. I thought it was great, but little did I know I was damaging my body after seeing my OB/GYN. He advised this should not happens for this length of time.

I often wonder why my knees and other joints were aching along with the left shoulder pain and numbness in my left arm and tingling in my fingers. My Gynecologist suggest that I have the norplant removed. It was closer to the time to remove it so I did, But I had another set inserted shortly after, just to see if it was really the norplant that was giving my the grief because it was in its last year of time-release. Once I have the second set inserted, my blood pressure shot sky high, I was dizzy with nausea, gittery and my arms, back, chest and neck begin to hurt.

I had the second set removed, only to have severed pain afterwards with life span of sensitivity and scarring from the norplant being removed. When I went the my Gynecologist to have the norplant removed, he has such a hard time removing the capsules, because they had grown deeply below the inner skin, leaving him not choice but to cut it out in 3-4 different places on my left arm.

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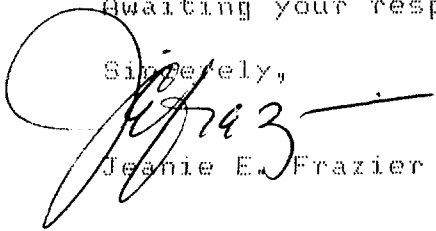
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Now, my arm is so sensitive that when anything rub against it, its like the nerve makes by entire arm hurt. I still to this date have pain in my joints, arm pain, numbing in the fingers and this feeling of nervousness. All of these problems should not occur just to keep from getting pregnant. I cannot take the birth control pills because of the estrogen, but I thought that Norplant would help and it didn't.

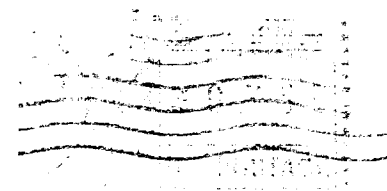
If this is not the correct place to file this petition, please advise how I can be involved with the petition and this product should be taken off the market and should be noted as something dangerous to your health.

Awaiting your response.

Sincerely,



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